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## THE COVER

This is the season when a woman's fancy lightly turns to the thought of a new bonnet. Our cover girl, *Joan Riker*, nurse on the Lying-In staff, is proud to wear one, however, that hasn't changed its style for 75 years . . . the cap of our School of Nursing. While most women go into a blind rage at the sight of another hat like theirs, *Miss Riker*, '51, doesn't mind in the least at being one of 2,076 graduates who have been privileged to wear this handmade, organdy model. *Photo by Paul Parker.*

## Notes from The Director's Office

Once a year it is customary to take a hasty glance backward to review the accomplishments of the past year. With the publication of the Annual Report for 1951 this is a convenient and logical time for such a glance.

During that year, 26,882 patients were admitted to the Hospital, a figure surpassed only in the record year of service, 1950, when 390 more patients were admitted. Days of patient care fell 3.7 percent from the record 318,400 in 1950 to 306,666 in 1951. This decline is attributable to a shortage of nurses which necessitated the temporary closure of beds, to a decrease in the average length of patient stay and to an unprecedented fall in summer census, a phenomenon which has become increasingly evident since World War II and which is common to other New York City voluntary hospitals.

In spite of this slight decrease in number of patients admitted and of patient-days of care provided, new records for many services were established. Among these were number of blood transfusions given, babies born, electrocardiograms provided, visits to the Emergency Pavilion and to the Personnel Health Service. There was little

change from the 1950 records in the number of X-rays and electroencephalograms. Other statistical data such as number of surgical operations, meals, medical records circulated and surgical pathological examinations roughly parallel the change in number of patient days.

For the first time since the establishment of Central Laboratories, there was a drop in the number of procedures requested. This drop was proportionately greater than the decrease in patient days and is referable largely to the cooperation of the professional staff in limiting their requests to essential determinations.

1951 was a year of accomplishment and progress, made possible through the coordinated efforts and team work of 3,500 people. No matter what your particular assignment in the Center may have been, you have participated in some essential service which is reflected in this impressive record for 1951, and you may justifiably feel a sense of individual accomplishment and pride.

*Henry H. Harrison* M.D.

## What's Up On H-2?

For the first time in nearly six and one-half years, H-2 has again become a patient floor. At present, H-2 is being used as a transfer point for various other pavilions while the program goes on of converting all large open bed areas to four-bed rooms. When conversion is complete, H-2 will become a permanent surgical pavilion.

And what's become of H-2's former inhabitants? The training staff for auxiliary personnel, headed by Doris Bresnahan, R.N., has temporarily moved to the 14th Floor. Others "at home" on this floor are Barbara Murphy and Frances Campbell of Social Service and Mrs. Paul Dineen, director of the Gift Shop. The Purchasing Department has had some new quarters in the Power House. Mary Cole, public relations for Nursing School and Service, is now in G-130B and Ann Dennison, research assistant to Dr. Leo W. Simmons, is in K-109.

## William H. Harrison Elected a Governor

Newest member of the Board of Governors of the Hospital is William Henry Harrison, president of International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation.

A past president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Mr. Harrison has spent his entire career in the communications field. Our new Governor has also served his country in war and national defense efforts. During World War II he was Chief, Procurement and Distribution Service, Office of the Chief Signal Officer. His most recent Government service was in 1950 and 1951 when he was successively Administrator of the National Production Authority and the Defense Production Administration.

Mr. Harrison holds the Distinguished Service Medal, Hoover Medal, Cross of the French Legion of Honor and Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.



## *We Hate to See 'em Go!*

All of us will be missing some very familiar faces and names around the Center soon. We mean Dr. George A. Wolf, Jr., Dr. Stewart G. Wolf, Vassar W. Johnson, and Thomas S. Adams, Jr. After talking to each of them, your PULSE correspondent can report that they'll be missing us, too.

Dr. George Wolf, who has been continuously associated with the Center since 1936 when he entered the Medical College, will leave here June 1 to become dean and professor of clinical medicine at the University of Vermont Medical College. Dr. Wolf has been assistant director for professional services and director of the Out-Patient Department of the Hospital since August, 1950. He is also an assistant attending physician and an assistant professor of clinical medicine in CUMC.

Dr. Stewart Wolf, associate attending physician and associate professor of medicine, heads West for the University of Oklahoma Medical School this month to become professor and head of the department of medicine. A member of the Center staff for 14 years, Dr. Wolf came here as an intern. He served with the Ninth General Hospital unit during World War II.

Although Mr. Johnson is pulling up his 68th Street stakes, he will still remain part of our Hospital "family" as assistant steward of The New York Hospital-Westchester Division. Mr. Johnson, who is presently executive assistant for services and supplies, will leave here May 1 and after a vacation, will take over his new duties in White Plains. A member of the Hospital staff for 18 years, he came here as an accounts payable clerk and had risen to supervisor of the internal auditing staff when Uncle Sam beckoned in 1941. After five years in service, he returned in 1946 and was transferred to Administration where he has served since in the capacity of executive assistant.

Mr. Adams, who has been office manager of Payne Whitney Clinic for the past two years, leaves here at the end of the month to become assistant superintendent of Yonkers General Hospital. He came to NYH four years ago as a member of the Accounting Department.

## Nursing School Marks 75th Year; Alumnae Plan June 12 Celebration

With all of 1952 designated as the anniversary year, the first formal celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing has been set for Thursday, June 12.

### AVID PULSE READER



Meet Miss Goody Newsworthy, mascot of the Public Relations Dept. Goody, who has printers ink in her veins by virtue of the newspaper stuffing in her flannel body, is caught here in her favorite position. Goody has 48 "sisters" and one "brother" delighting the children in Pediatrics. These 50 toddler-high stuffable dolls were a gift from the manufacturer.

## *Nurses' Locker Rooms Will Soon Offer Cool Comfort*

Just as we went to press, we received word that the Board of Governors had given final approval for the construction of new air-conditioned locker rooms for staff nurses who live outside the Nurses' Residence and for private duty nurses.

A glimpse of what is in store for the nurses is provided in a colored sketch and outline diagrams of the floor plans now on display in the Residence. The sketch will be reproduced in the June issue of the PULSE.

Detailed plans and specifications are being pushed to completion so that contracts can be let without delay. It is hoped that the actual work will get under way early in June. The work will be

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On that date, alumnae, faculty, students and guests will participate in a full day's program scheduled to include morning coffee, a convocation, an alumnae luncheon, tours of the hospital, a tea, and afternoon speakers' program and a 75th anniversary dinner.

Plans are being made by a committee representing the Hospital, the School, and the Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association. Serving on the committee are Dean Virginia M. Dunbar; Dorothy McMullan, '35, instructor and assistant head of Out-Patient Nursing Service, the president of the Alumnae Association; Jean Swann, '50, assistant in nursing arts, anniversary chairman for the Alumnae Association; Marguerite Plow, '30, executive secretary of the Alumnae Association; Mary Cole, assistant in public relations, Nursing School; Catherine Jones, '52; Jean Luckner, '53; Ruth Morse, '54; Agnes Schubert, associate professor and head of Pediatric Nursing Service; Dr. Stanhope Bayne-Jones, president of the Joint Administrative Board of the Center; and Laurence G. Payson, secretary-treasurer of The Society.

The School's 75th anniversary will be noted at the 181st Charter Day exercises of the Hospital on May 8 when Mrs. August Belmont, long a leader in civic and social welfare activities and a member of the Council of the School of Nursing, will be one of the speakers.

Tribute to the School on its 75th anniversary was paid by the Visiting Nurse Service of New York on March 10 when it presented to the School a framed photograph of one of the School's most famous graduates, Lillian D. Wald. Miss Wald was graduated from the School in 1891 and two years later founded the Henry Street Settlement House and the Visiting Nurse Service on New York's Lower East Side. The year of the founding coincided with the establishment of The New York Hospital Alumnae Association of which Miss Wald was a charter member.

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## **1/4 One Day's Pay... To Help 423 Agencies**

Within the next week or two, one of your co-workers will ask you to pledge a contribution to the Greater New York Fund which helps us and 422 other health and welfare agencies in the city. The Fund's annual drive opens officially April 28 and continues through May 31.

This is the only solicitation during the year when each employee is asked to give to an organized campaign for the benefit of the community. Last year, through the generosity of 1,995 of us, the Center's contribution to the Fund totaled \$2,873.56.

This year our goal is some gift from each of us — and more than \$3,000 for the Fund. If each of us gives 1/4 of one day's pay, we should be able to exceed our generous 1951 gift.

Members of the Center's campaign committee are: Norman N. Baker, Doris Bresnahan, Mrs. Eleanor Chalk, George W. Curtin, Philip A. Edholmes, Mary E. Finegan, Vassar W. Johnson, Edith M. Jordan, John F. Kenney, Helen B. Lincoln, George J. McBride, Dora Mark, Sherwood A. Messner, Mrs. Helen V. Miller, Mrs. Virginia F. Muldoon, Louise Stephenson, Edward W. Stitt, Edward K. Taylor, Cathleen Tooley, and Richard G. Walke, with L. G. Payson as chairman.

## **Masons Give \$10,000 For Dystrophy Study**

A gift of \$10,000 to The Society of the New York Hospital has been made by the Tall Cedars of Lebanon Muscular Dystrophy Fund. The Tall Cedars are a Masonic order which has as its national objective the establishment and maintenance of research laboratories to combat muscular dystrophy.

The gift will be used to establish and maintain in the Payne Whitney Psychiatric Clinic a metabolism ward in which studies of muscular dystrophy and other diseases will be carried on.

The Society has authorized the carving of the name, "Tall Cedars of Lebanon," on one of the stone tablets in the entrance of the Main Hospital on which recognition of such generous gifts is recorded. A plaque will also be placed on the wall of the Payne Whitney Clinic.

## **PIN WITH A POINT**



Many of our volunteers wear this pin now but you'll be seeing even more being worn come May 15 when the United Hospital Fund makes its annual award to men and women who have served 150 hours or more in hospitals throughout the city during the past year. And the pins of several more of our volunteers will begin to look like soldiers' marksmanship medals with the addition of bars and other decorations to be awarded for specified longer periods of service. Last year, NYH led all other hospitals in the number of volunteers so honored for their continuous, trained, qualitative service.

## **Medical Alumni Set Reunion For April 18, 19**

Cornell University Medical College will hold its annual alumni reunion on Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19.

Dr. William A. Barnes, '37, is chairman of the reunion which will feature exhibits of work accomplished at the Medical College during the past year, to be held in Room A-207, grand rounds, addresses by prominent alumni and the presentation of the annual award to an alumnus for outstanding service to medicine.

Dr. William S. Tillett, professor of medicine at New York University, will give the 11th annual Walter L. Niles Memorial Lecture on Friday at 8 P.M. in the College auditorium on "Enzymes for Therapeutics." Saturday morning's program in the auditorium, which begins at 9:30, will feature talks by Dr. Jack Masur, '32, Assistant Surgeon General, Chief, Bureau of Medical Services; Dr. Max B. Lurie, '21, associate professor of experimental pathology, Henry Phipps Institute, Philadelphia and Dr. Henry H. Kessler, '19, director of the Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation. Dean Joseph C. Hinsey will be speaker at the annual meeting of the Alumni Association at noon in the dining room of the Nurses Residence.

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## **In Memoriam**

William J. Casey, former head of our Protection Department, died March 18 at the Jersey City Medical Center where he had recently been resident night superintendent. Mr. Casey headed our Protection Department for 17 years until his retirement in 1949. Before coming to the Center, he had had a colorful career in department store and waterfront protection work. During World War I, he organized and became chief of the police force at Muscle Shoals, Ala. for the Government. His wife and daughter survive.

Mrs. Emma Jean Steel Fuller, Nursing School senior, was killed with her husband, Lt. Richard A. Fuller, in an automobile accident in Virginia on Washington's Birthday. The recently married couple were enroute from Washington to Fort Lee at the time of the crash.

Miss Elizabeth M. Smith, who was assigned to NYH by the Board of Education to teach young patients who were hospitalized for long periods of time, died Feb. 23 after a brief illness. Miss Smith had devoted her entire career in teaching to work with physically handicapped children and her love and understanding of her young charges made bedside lessons a favorite.

John Carrington, for over nine years a houseman on various floors of Baker Pavilion, died at the Hospital Jan. 20, several days after being struck by a hit-and-run driver while enroute to work.



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## Our Lady With Nine Lives

"Detective stories? I have no patience with them," declares Mrs. Zdislava M. Kohak, registrar of our School of Nursing.

And no wonder, for by comparison to Mrs. Kohak's own life during the past 10 years with its highlights of Nazi imprisonment and Communist pursuit, the best thrillers seem colorless. Here is a case where truth has been not only stranger but stronger than fiction.

Her story begins in 1941 in her native Prague when Czechoslovakia had already been two years under the yoke of Hitler. One day, the Gestapo caught up with the underground activities of her husband, Miloslav, who was with the public information office of Parliament and took him off to the city prison. From that day on, Mrs. Kohak became a dedicated woman. As a courier for the underground, she carried messages for these patriots, often hiding them in her home — in the curtain rods, in aspirin tubes in the medicine cabinet. Sometimes, she was allowed to visit her husband. Words she could not say to him she wrote, baking her messages in cakes she carried to him.

One day in 1944, the Gestapo arrested her, too, as an accessory to the underground. During her imprisonment, first in Prague and then in a concentration camp in Bohemia, she underwent severe mental torture worrying about the safety of her husband, who had been transferred to the notorious Mauthausen camp, and the well-being of her two children, who were with relatives. May 5, 1945 was liberation day for both Kohaks. She was freed by the International Red Cross and her husband by General Patton's Third Army.

After the peace, the Kohaks resumed their happy family life of old, working, too, to revitalize the democratic way of life which Czechoslovakia had known before the German *anschluss*. Mr. Kohak first became secretary to the Minister of Justice, then head of the information office of his country's Parliament. In addition, he served in a volunteer capacity as head of the Czechoslovakian Y. M. C. A.

All of us remember the newspaper and radio reports telling of mounting Communist activity in the little country and the final triumphant grab for power early in 1949.



MRS. KOHAK

With his record as a patriot and with his important position in the post-war democratic government, Miloslav Kohak knew he was a doomed man. On the day before Easter, 1949, just a week after Jan Masaryk's funeral, the Kohak family made their escape to freedom. Had they remained another day, the Iron Curtain would have descended on them — perhaps forever — for they learned much later that a warrant for Mr. Kohak's arrest had been issued the day after Easter.

Although she has written down the circumstances of their 24-hour flight to the German border, Mrs. Kohak can recall every incident vividly.

"We left our house dressed as if we were going on a skiing expedition, each of us carrying a knapsack with only the barest necessities: our only luxuries were our two family Bibles. We carried just enough money to get us to the border and no foreign currency to avoid suspicion. Imagine, the feeling of leaving your home, perhaps forever, and having to do it as casually as if you were going out to take a walk."

The Kohaks' escape had all the elements of stories of high adventure: a rendezvous with a guide in a green coat and a path strewn with obstacles. First, on a bus from Prague, Mrs. Kohak met a former pupil in her English class; then while hurrying through the woods, one

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## Charter Day Program Scheduled For May 8

Mrs. August Belmont, a member of the Council of the School of Nursing, and Dr. Lester J. Evans, executive associate of The Commonwealth Fund, will be speakers at 181st anniversary Charter Day exercises of the Hospital to be held Thursday, May 8 at 5 P.M. in the auditorium of the Nurses' Residence. The occasion will assume added significance this year with the observation of the 75th anniversary of our School of Nursing.

John Hay Whitney, president of the Board of Governors, will preside at the program which will be followed by a reception in the Residence lounges.

## Cornell Project Seeks Added Safety In Autos

Several members of the Center staff are serving on a committee directing an important new Cornell research program designed to provide information which will enable manufacturers to make the automobile a less lethal form of transportation.

They are Dr. Joseph C. Hinsey, Dean of the Medical College; Dr. Emerson Day and Dr. W. G. Smillie, professors of public health and preventive medicine, and Hugh De Haven, director of the Crash Injury Research project at the Medical College.

Springing from Cornell's long-established program in air safety research of which the Crash Injury Research project is a part, the undertaking will strive for improved automobile design to give the rider greatly improved chances of emerging from accidents without disfiguring, disabling or dangerous injuries.

Plans call for a detailed survey to determine the specific structural elements and other factors in automobiles which cause injuries and deaths in survivable automobile accidents. The Crash Injury Research project currently is working with the Indiana State Police on forms and methods for collecting data on traffic casualties. Among contemplated research projects will be engineering studies to produce safer windshields, dashboards and steering wheels and protective basic structures throughout the vehicle with safer design and shielding of dangerous objects.

# HOSPI=TALES

**Orange Blossom Aisle:** *Gladys Partington*, head nurse on F-12, will wed West Point Cadet James H. Rink on June 4, the day following his graduation. . . . *Dr. Clinton G. Weiman*, assistant resident in Medicine, will make Jean Marie Brinkworth of Chicago his bride in June. She's a nurse. . . . *Doris Zimmerman*, night nurse in Emergency, will become Mrs. Harold T. Letson on April 20. . . . *Leston L. Havens*, senior med student, will middle-aisle it with Nancy L. Tucker of Princeton, N. J. in June. . . . *Mary Walsh*, secretary in Private Patients Nursing, is now Mrs. Thomas J. Kelly. . . . *Nancy M. Court-right*, Nursing School '52, now answers to the name of Mrs. Donald F. Bolles. Her husband's a looie. . . . *Mary Cole*, assistant in Public Relations for Nursing School and Service, became Mrs. Jerome P. Sloane last weekend.

**Sparkler Set:** *Louise Ceritelli*, Nursing School '52, is sporting a sparkler given to her by John G. Oricchio, a Fordham U. man. . . . *Dr. Thomas Rigney* is engaged to Alice M. Renner of Tenaflly, N. J. . . . *Betty Kirmayer*, anesthetist, is the fiancée of Sol Berkowitz.

**Proud Papas:** Lots of them lately among our doctors. Among the homes the stork has stopped at recently are those of *Drs. Joseph F. Artusio, Jr., J. George Furey, Irving Baras, William Given, George Cornell, Harry Burnett*, and *Kent Westley*. . . . *Mrs. Hazel Love Graham*, formerly of X-ray, had a boy on March 11.

**Here and There:** A "life begins at 60" experiment in creative education for Vassar alumnae and their husbands is being established at Sunken Mine Farms, the Cold Spring-on-Hudson estate of Mrs. William S. Ladd, widow of the late dean of CUMC. Dr. Ladd's lab, where he conducted many studies on diabetes, is being left intact for use in this geriatric project. . . . "The Girl in White," motion picture depicting the early career of Dr. Emily Dunning Barringer, who in 1898 was the first woman to enter CUMC, will be released this year. June Allyson plays the lead role. . . . Four students of the School of

Radiography were graduated March 28 after completing the two-year course at the Hospital. The grads are *Elaine Gunther, Ellen Holland, Fay Viggiano*, and *Karl Ginsberg*. . . . *Miriam Carhart*, formerly in OPD and Pavilion Admitting, is now in Emergency Admitting. . . . Our nursing cap was "among those present" in an illustrated article on nursing caps in the Feb. 18 issue of *Newsweek*. The wearer, *Joan Riker*, '51, member of the Lying-In staff, is our cover girl this month. . . . Speaking of cover girls, Dr. G. Donald Whedon's little daughter was "it" for the March issue of *Woman's Day Magazine*. . . . *Veronica Lyons*, associate dean of the Nursing School, was among the experts who testified at two-day fact-finding hearings held last month in Washington on the need for aid to medical and nursing education by the new President's Commission on the Health Needs of the Nation. CUMC's dean, *Dr. Joseph Hinsey*, a member of the Commission, was in charge of the hearings. . . . That new TV set in the lounge of the Nurses' Residence was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. James Parton, and the pastels of ballet scenes hung in the Residence Library were a gift from a grateful patient. F. R. Detwiler.

**Travelogues:** The annual trek to far-away places has begun. *Vera Mariolis* of Anesthesia sailed March 29 for an extended vacation in Greece. . . . Passengers on the May 24 sailing of the *Liberte* will include *Veronica Lyons*, associate dean of the Nursing School, and *Kathleen Newton*, OPD Nursing head. . . . Winging her way to Europe four days later will be *Hilma Fedder*, Recovery Room nursing supervisor.

**Hails:** Welcome back to *Mrs. Ramona Camunas* who has returned to be secretary to Helen B. Lincoln, head of Record Dept. . . . to *E. Ross Browne*, now evening supervisor of Auxiliary Staff. . . . *James R. Paterniti*, R.N., a Bellevue grad, is now supervisor of orderlies.

**Our Artists:** Twenty-five nurses and student nurses displayed their art work to the public in an exhibit held March 18 and 19 in the Residence under the

sponsorship of the House Committee. There was one lone male exhibitor — Harry Holmes, husband of *Elizabeth DuPeza Holmes*, '52. *Joanne Osterheld*, '53, was in charge.

**Our Sympathy:** To *Dr. Horace S. Baldwin* on the recent loss of his son. . . . To *Hazel Sweig*, clinic aide in Pediatrics, on the loss of her mother. . . . To *Katherine Eddy*, clinic aide, Woman's Clinic, on the death of her father.

## NURSING SCHOOL NOTES

*Jean Lucker*, '53, our executive council representative of the New York State Student Nurses' Association, will be hostess to other council members April 26-27 in the Residence. . . . *Mrs. Eleanor Pulley Robinson*, '52, was the Nursing School representative at a secondary school tea given by the Cornell Women's Club of Summit, N. J. to interest high school students in the University. Mrs. Robinson gave a resume of requirements for admission to the School and school life. . . . The freshman class is showing a sound film, "Spring in Ithaca," on April 22-23 in the Residence auditorium. Price of admission, 10¢, includes refreshments. . . . The seniors won the annual inter-class song contest held Feb. 19. . . . Interested in horseback riding with instructions attached? Contact Miss Yvonne Worrell, phys ed instructor. . . . For pleasant memories, we nominate the success of the juniors' cake sale and the freshmen's "Emerald Waltz."

## COLLEGE CORNER

"Horace. Get Your Hypo" is the name of the senior class musical to be presented on May 17 and 18. The cast includes 15 "Gorgeous Girls", all played by our burliest med students. *Frank Sullivan* is directing the show and the book and music are by *Sidney Werkman, Chuck Foote, Louis Bove, Bob Lee*, and Mr. Sullivan. . . . Vital statistics on the senior class, compiled especially for Leap Year: out of a class of approximately 82, 39 are married and 15 are engaged or hooked in some fashion. By simple arithmetic one concludes that there are still 28 waiting to be snared.



... Coming attractions: the senior class boatride and a freshman class party. ... A \$25,000 gift from Henry E. Dodge of Arlington, Mass., has established a Henry E. Dodge Medical College Scholarship Fund to provide ultimately for tuition scholarships. The donor is the father of Dr. Donald T. Dodge, '37. ... The College has been awarded \$12,960 for research in heart disease by Dr. Robert F. Pitts. Donor is the Life Insurance Medical Research Fund supported by 141 life insurance companies in the U. S. and Canada. Dr. Pitts' work is on the respiratory and kidney relations in the regulation of the acid-base balance of the blood.

### FROM OUR COUNTRY COUSINS

**Business-Education Day:** Westchester was host to a group of White Plains teachers on March 19 in conjunction with a day of visiting among the institutions and business firms of the city arranged for the teachers by the Chamber of Commerce and the Department of Education. The teachers were taken on a guided tour of many parts of the Hospital and were entertained at lunch. A lively question and answer period indicated the group's deep interest in the treatment of nervous and emotional disorders. The teachers were greatly impressed with the physical education and occupational therapy work, commenting on its professional quality.

**Mr. Dean:** John W. Dean, chief clerk of Westchester Division, died Feb. 25. Mr. Dean joined the staff on Jan. 18, 1915 and was continuously associated with the Business Office for more than 37 years. He was highly respected by all who worked with him and he was looked upon as a personal friend by the entire staff. His passing has given us a deep sense of loss.

**Volunteer Socialites:** Considerable interest and enthusiasm has been shown by the Nursing personnel as well as other groups in the Hospital in volunteering to serve as hostesses at dances for servicemen-patients at Franklin Delano Roosevelt Hospital in Montrose once a month and for special parties at Fort Slocum and West Point.

**June Bride:** It'll be a June wedding for Janet Groff who recently resigned her position in Nutrition. She'll wed Cadet John Mazik following his graduation from West Point.



White Plains Reporter Dispatch

**BREAKING GROUND** for two cottages for additional staff physicians and their families at Westchester Division are (l. to r.): John B. Corser, Jr., architect; Andrew Delaney, hospital steward; Dr. James H. Wall, medical director; Hamilton Hadley, vice-president of the Board of Governors, and Lionel J. Alexander, contractor. Construction of the ranch-type buildings marks the beginning of an expansion program planned to include increased facilities for treatment, training and research.

## 77 Attend Course On Vascular Ailments

Seventy-seven doctors from many parts of the country attended the post-graduate course in "Diseases of the Blood Vessels" given at the Center March 10-15 under the auspices of the American College of Physicians.

Dr. Irving S. Wright, attending physician and professor of clinical medicine, was director of the course which covered the diagnosis and modern treatment of diseases of the blood vessels, excluding the heart. Twenty-six of the 46 officers of instruction were Center staff members.

## COLLEGE ALUMNI REUNION

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An innovation this year, according to Dr. Barnes, will be a Saturday afternoon roundtable session on medical practice at which doctors from communities in the New York area will meet with students and house staff. Dr. Preston A. Wade, '25, will be moderator. A banquet at the Roosevelt Hotel will conclude the activities.

## NURSES' LOCKER ROOMS

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accomplished in two phases in order to meet the need for providing locker facilities continuously for staff and private duty nurses. This together with anticipated delays in obtaining certain critical materials and equipment will probably delay completion until Fall.

Phase I will consist of the installation of air conditioning equipment and the reconstruction of the existing gymnasium on the sub-basement level of the Nurses' Residence to provide a total of 344 lockers. Phase II calls for the entire reconstruction of the existing nurses' locker room on the basement level and the adjoining kitchen and pantry area to provide 410 lockers. When completed, a total of 754 lockers will be available in two locker rooms.

Both locker rooms will have modern rest rooms, lavatory and shower facilities and utility areas with special provisions for cleaning shoes and ironing uniforms. The decorating scheme calls for attractively painted walls, bright drapes, pictures and large dressing mirrors.

## Our Patients Write...

EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter, written by the parents of a former "preemie", warmed the hearts of the nursing staff on N-5 recently. We thought you would like to share their glow.

"... You remember our son, Ezra, as a puny little thing who managed to fight his way through to life with the help of the staff of N-5, an incubator, oxygen and the grace of God. As you can see (snapshot enclosed), he's a big boy now at the age of 11 months.

"He has always been and still is a 'good' baby. He ate tremendously and grew rapidly. ... He made all his adjustments nicely, going from formula to whole milk and to spoon-fed strained foods with no difficulty at all. He is doing the same now with solid foods which he chews with his six teeth and enjoys.

"He is now 28½ inches tall, weighs 20½ pounds. He stands and walks (holding on) in his crib and playpen and crawls about the house. He got his first shoes last week and loves their taste. ...

"He is tremendous fun and likes company but is also quite content to play by himself for even hours at a time, and we let him do this. All his life he has cried only when hungry and he has a most delicious range of quarter-smiles, half-smiles, and smiles. He makes sounds but doesn't talk yet, though he often seems to be right on the verge. He is popular with all his relatives, who regard him as something special, but seems to have immunity to spoiling. You wouldn't recognize him in his T-shirt, dungarees, and shoes, but we are confident he'd charm you all over again.

"We like him and we've decided we'll keep him, even when the guarantee expires. We are grateful to you all for helping us have him."

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Manheim S. Shapiro

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of her son's teachers, an avowed Communist who had already demanded that the boy be dismissed from the school because of his father.

"I will never forget our all night walk to freedom through those thick Bohemian forestlands," declares Mrs. Kohak. "The darkness was so complete that it was necessary to keep up speed so as not to lose our guides. It was impossible to see where we were stepping and only watching the movement of the person ahead could one judge where there was any stump, branches, hole. Being constantly led by the idea that either all or none would succeed, we kept close together through deep forests, up slopes, through stretches of snow so frozen that if any of us lagged behind we would not find tracks of the one before us, through soft snow where we fell knee deep. Our bridge across the Vltava River was a slippery tree trunk."

And then freedom, and this final paragraph in Mrs. Kohak's narrative of the flight from Prague.

"Suddenly, I realized that I was a refugee, a person with no rights, no home. This realization made me also wonder. My feelings were quite different from those I thought any refugee would have. I felt no unhappiness, only heavy dullness. And then we turned around, and in the distance we saw the blue hills where we came from, the hills of our country. And suddenly, with tears in my eyes, I knew what Odysseus felt when he was looking for the smoke of Ithaca."

In August, 1949, the Kohak family came to the United States after a brief period in a Displaced Persons Camp in Germany. Their sponsor was an old "Y" friend, Harper Sibley, one of Rochester's most distinguished residents, and the head of the "Y" International Committee.

For Mrs. Kohak it was a thrilling return to a land she had learned to love as an exchange student in the late 1920's. After graduation from Charles University, Mrs. Kohak, then unmarried, came to the United States to study English at Rockford (Ill.) College in preparation for a career as an English teacher at home. She remained an extra year to tour the country and to direct a huge Sokol Festival at New Jersey College for Women on the 10th anniversary of

the school's founding. That was how she began her friendship with Victoria Frederick, counselor of students at our School of Nursing, who was then a dean of women at N. J. C. — and of course, how in 1950 she came to the Center.

Today, the Kohaks live in Jackson Heights. Mr. Kohak continues his fight for Czechoslovakian freedom in his position as head of the Research and Information Center of the National Committee for a Free Europe, the group which beams Radio Free Europe broadcasts behind the Iron Curtain. Sixteen-year old Barbara Kohak is a student at Adelphi Academy and eighteen-year old "Raza" has already been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, scholastic honorary, at Colgate University, although he is only a sophomore.

Will they ever return to Czechoslovakia?

"If we are needed, we will go," says Mrs. Kohak, "but meanwhile we have taken out American citizenship papers. The Kohaks can only live in a democracy."

## NURSING SCHOOL

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The photograph, which will hang in the School's Alumnae Room, was presented by Miss Marian G. Randall, executive director of the Visiting Nurse Service, and was accepted by Dean Dunbar. Miss Dunbar pointed out the close cooperation between the two organizations — including the affiliation of the School's students with the Service during their senior year.

The School of Nursing was established in 1877, five years after The New York Hospital had aided Bellevue in establishing the first actual training school for nurses in America. The first School of Nursing class at The New York Hospital was made up of only seven students, compared with the present total enrolment of 200 including a first year class of 81 girls.

Becoming a School in Cornell University in 1942, the School assumed its present name. Its graduates now receive the degree of B.S. in Nursing.

During its 75 years, the School has graduated 2,040 students, and, since 1942, Cornell University has awarded degrees to 344 candidates.

## New Pulse "Beats"

We welcome two new PULSE newshounds who have begun their "stalking" with this issue. They are: Robert E. Lee, fourth year student, Medical College, and James J. Kelly, supervisor of elevators, Protection Department. They replace Alexander C. Laubach, maintenance supervisor of the College, and William McGovern, assistant manager, Protection Department, who asked to be relieved of duty because of pressure of work.